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Transcript of Eisenhower's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

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WASHINGTON, May 11 — Following is the transcript of President Eisenhower's news conference today:

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER — Good morning. Please sit down.

I have made some notes on which I want to talk to [illegible]

A full statement [illegible] has been made by the State Department [illegible]

[illegible]

... told me the other day that he had never heard of the latter part of my press conference on this point where I said if any of my absence from the conference had to be more than two or three days I would be right back there and I believe I repeated, I am not sure, that the jet plane made this kind of a trip possible.

Now, as far as Mr. Khrushchev's statement, this, I can just say this. He has never asked me my opinion of some of his people. [Laughter.]

2 CHARLES H. MOHR of Time magazine — Mr. President, in case, Mr. President, that the Soviet Union should reject your proposal for surprise attack conference, or open skies arrangements, do you think that the development of satellites like Samos and Midas will possibly in the next few years ease our worries on the score of surveillance and also are you doing anything now to speed up these scientific projects?

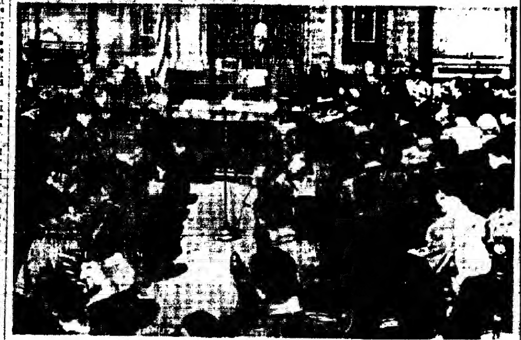
A. — Well, I know of nothing now. I keep in touch with my Scientific Advisory Committee and operators, and I know of nothing we could do to speed these up. They are research items and as such no one can predict exactly what would be their degree of efficiency. So I couldn't make a real prediction of what is going — how useful they are going to be.

Q. — Sir, do you think that their development will ease our worries on the question of secrecy?

A. — Well, I say, I just can't predict what the final results will be. Now, we do know this, right now, I believe, it's either Tiros that is sending back constantly pictures on the cloud cover all around the earth, and that is admittedly [illegible] what might be done in photography. But this is being done constantly, and I don't know how many thousands of photographs have been taken and they send them back on command.

3 LAURENCE H. BURD of The Chicago Tribune — Mr. President, last week you used the word "if" in connection with your trip to Russia. Have [illegible]

[illegible]



READS STATEMENT: The President reads prepared remarks about U. S. plane seized in the Soviet Union. Also facing reporters, seated, from left, James C. Hagerty, Anne W. Wheaton and Wayne Hawks of White House staff.

Now, as far as my trip to Korea is concerned, it is to be an official one, and assuming the permission of the people now in charge of Korea, and a proper opportunity, I shall be glad to see Mr. Rhee also, as I have told you people. I have admired and respected [illegible] over the years.

7 ANDREW F. TULLY JR. [illegible]

President Usually Skips The Daily Newspaper

WASHINGTON, May 11 — President Eisenhower told [illegible]

[illegible] to what extent these islands help us control the air and sea over the Formosa [Taiwan] Strait.

A. — Well, I am not talking particulars because I don't know who said this, but I will say this: if you go back to the Formosa Doctrine, you will find that the responsibility is placed upon the President [illegible]

[illegible] reading that detects a blast equal to 20,000 tons of TNT.)

Q. — Well, sir, is it your understanding that we would show everything involved, mechanism and so on, to the Soviets under this program?

A. — Well, now, Mr. Roberts, there are some details I just can't get down to. You know that. [illegible]

[illegible]

In general it is to get closer, better day-by-day coordination in everything that touches upon the foreign field [illegible] all our business affairs, our types of procurement and making of contracts and all that, to get that more tightly coordinated day in and day out.

The first one, I think is tremendously important because almost every department now has a really heavy responsibility in the foreign field, and I think more and more we have to have [illegible]

20 JOHN SCALI of The Associated Press — Mr. President, you said in your initial statement that the Soviet account of the downing of this plane contained many discrepancies, and that there was reason to doubt that the plane was downed at a high altitude, as Mr. Khrushchev claims.

Can you tell us, sir, whether the Administration at some future time intends to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] feelings and beliefs.

Now, we here can talk and believe in the ideals that have been set up for us by the Constitution, and certainly we have a responsibility in helping to enforce or seeing that the constitutional rights of [illegible] are not violated.

Now, when it comes to [illegible] I am just not enough of a lawyer to [illegible] what they do [illegible] what they mean in the constitutional or legal terms. We, you and I, can talk about in social terms and you might say on a moral standard [illegible] something else.

But I would say for this question you ought to go to the Attorney General. I am just not that much of a lawyer.

23 RAYMOND P. BRANDT of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch — In view of [illegible] emphasis on the [illegible] might go back to the summit if you had to come back here, have you any idea how long the Paris meeting will go on, how long do you think it will take you to get to some agreement?

A. — Well, I don't know. But I just want to point out [illegible]

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